

## OPINION 1732

*Scylliorhinus atlanticus* Koefoed, 1927 (currently *Apristurus atlanticus*; Chondrichthyes, Carcharhiniformes): specific name conserved

### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *spinacipellitum* Vaillant, 1888, as published in the binomen *Scyllium? spinacipellitum*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *atlanticus* Koefoed, 1927, as published in the binomen *Scylliorhinus atlanticus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *spinacipellitum* Vaillant, 1888, as published in the binomen *Scyllium? spinacipellitum* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

### History of Case 2797

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Scylliorhinus atlanticus* Koefoed, 1927 was received from Prof K. Nakaya (*Hokkaido University, Hokkaido, Japan*) and Dr B. Séret (*Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France*) on 22 October 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 49–51 (March 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

### Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1992 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 50. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1993 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 24: Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 4: Bayer, Bouchet, Lehtinen and Macpherson.

Dupuis abstained.

Bayer commented that since the taxonomy of the catsharks was still unsettled the suppression of *Scyllium spinacipellitum* was inadvisable. Dupuis abstained because insufficient information had been given on other Atlantic catsharks and on the status of the genus.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*atlanticus*, *Scylliorhinus*, Koefoed, 1927, *Report of the Scientific Results of Michael Sars North Atlantic Deepsea Expedition 1910*, 4(1): 18.

*spinacipellitum*, *Scyllium?*, Vaillant, 1888, in Masson, G. (Ed.), *Expéditions scientifiques du Travailleur et du Talisman pendant les années 1880–83*, p. 60.